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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

**90 Sawyer Circle #442 (*Riverset Apartments*)**

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 90 Sawyer Circle, Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 11:23 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the three-story wood frame apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Seventeen (17) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately forty-one (41) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief V. Hart was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 11:36 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm which alert the occupants and they escaped safely, prior to the arrival of fire crews. Two units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$10,000.00 structure and \$6,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a candle left unattended in the bathroom. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

The Memphis **Fire** Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by contacting the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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